Price Shop level Vigilance Committees of the consumers to supervise the distribtuion.

Central Govenrment has taken a number of measures to ensure that the items issued to the States/UTs for the PDS are of good quality. All necessary quality control measures are being implemented by the concerned Central agencies. Generally, the wheat and rice being issued to theStates/ UTs for the PDS is of good quality and is always in conformity with the standards prescribed in the Prevetnion of Food Adulteration Act. However, in an operation of such a vast magnitude such as the PDS, where millions of tonnes of foodgrains are being distributed through more than 4.25 lakh Fair Price Shops all over the country, a few shortcomings here and there cannot be ruled out altogether. In order to overcome such difficulties, the Central Government has allowed State Governments and their nominees to check the quality of foodgrains in every lot before they accept the same. State Govenrments have been given the right to reject lots which are not conforming to the prescribed standards. Complaints in respect of inferior quality of foodgrains being sold by Fair Price Shops are dealt with at the district/sub-divisional level administrations for speedy and effective redressal of such grievances. State Governments have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act for taking action against persons indulging in such malpractices.

Target for Exprot of Indian Electronics and Software

846. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronic and Computer Software Export Council of India has set a target to raise Indian electronics and software exports to 1.58 billion US $ by the end of 1995-96;

(b) what factors have led the aforesaid council to target such a huge rise in exports of the electronics and software goods;

(c) what was the target for exports of such goods for the years 1994-95 and whether the said council had met fully its target; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council has set a target of 1.58 billion US $ for export of electronic hardware, computer software and services, telecom services and project exports and VSNL services in 1995-96. This represents a growth of 29.22% over the performance in 1994-95 and is in line with current performance of the sector.

(c) and (d) The Council had fixed a target of US $ 1.02 billion for the year 1994-95. The actual achievement in the same year was US $ 1.23 billion.

Withdrawal of NCWA by CIL

847. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to withdraw the provisions of 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of NCWA IV unilaterally by the CIL management and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any scope of such unilateral step in the NCWA IV and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b): There is no question of unilaterally withdrawing the provisisons of Clauses 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of NCWA IV. However the management have proposed to modify, these clauses in consultation with the unions, in the light of the aberrations that have occured in